

any rights of the United States arising under the constitutional authority of Congress to regulate or improve navigation, or to provide for flood control or the production of power.

**(c) Navigational servitude and powers of regulation for purposes of commerce, navigation, national defense, and international affairs**

The United States retains all of its navigational servitude and rights in and powers of regulation and control of the lands conveyed by section 1705 of this title, and the navigable waters overlying such lands, for the constitutional purposes of commerce, navigation, national defense, and international affairs, all of which shall be paramount to, but shall not be deemed to include, proprietary rights of ownership, or the rights of management, administration, leasing, use, and development of the lands and natural resources which are specifically conveyed to the government of Guam, the Virgin Islands, or American Samoa, as the case may be, by section 1705 of this title.

**(d) Status of lands beyond the three-mile limit**

Nothing in this Act shall affect the status of lands beyond the three-mile limit described in section 1705 of this title.

(Pub. L. 93-435, § 2, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1211.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsecs. (a), (b), and (d), is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, as amended, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and repealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1545, 1707, 1708 of this title.

**§ 1707. Payment of rents, royalties, and fees to local government**

On and after October 5, 1974, all rents, royalties, or fees from leases, permits, or use rights, issued prior to October 5, 1974, by the United States with respect to the land conveyed by this Act, or by the amendment made by this Act, and rights of action for damages for trespass occupancies of such lands shall accrue and belong to the appropriate local government under whose jurisdiction the land is located.

(Pub. L. 93-435, § 4, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1212.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, as amended, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and repealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The amendment made by this Act, referred to in text, means the amendment made by section 3 of Pub. L. 93-435 to section 1545(b) of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1545, 1706, 1708 of this title.

**§ 1708. Discrimination prohibited in rights of access to, and benefits from, conveyed lands**

No person shall be denied access to, or any of the benefits accruing from, the lands conveyed

by this Act, or by the amendment made by this Act, on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, or ancestry: *Provided, however*, That this section shall not be construed in derogation of any of the provisions of the April 17, 1900 cession of Tutuila and Aunuu or the July 16, 1904 cession of the Manu's Islands, as ratified by the Act of February 20, 1929 (45 Stat. 1253) and the Act of May 22, 1929 (46 Stat. 4).

(Pub. L. 93-435, § 6, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1212.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 93-435, Oct. 5, 1974, 88 Stat. 1210, as amended, which enacted sections 1705 to 1708 of this title, amended section 1545 of this title, and repealed sections 1701 to 1703 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

The amendment made by this Act, referred to in text, means the amendment made by section 3 of Pub. L. 93-435 to section 1545(b) of this title.

Act of February 20, 1929, referred to in text, is act Feb. 20, 1929, ch. 281, 45 Stat. 1253, as amended, which enacted section 1661 of this title.

Act of May 22, 1929, referred to in text, is act May 22, 1929, ch. 6, 46 Stat. 4, which amended section 1661 of this title.

SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in sections 1545, 1706, 1707 of this title.

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**SUBCHAPTER I—GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS**

**§ 1711. Delegate to House of Representatives from Guam and Virgin Islands**

The territory of Guam and the territory of the Virgin Islands each shall be represented in the United States Congress by a nonvoting Delegate to the House of Representatives, elected as hereinafter provided.

(Pub. L. 92-271, § 1, Apr. 10, 1972, 86 Stat. 118.)

**§ 1712. Election of delegates; majority; runoff election; vacancy; commencement of term**

(a) The Delegate shall be elected by the people qualified to vote for the members of the legisla-